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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

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FROM : SR/3/4-3

SUBJECT : Marital Status of Michael Matwijewtsch KORZHAN

FILE

I

1. Marianna Elisabeth MOSKVA was born on 1 April 1913 in Lvov, Ukraine, the daughter of Teodor MOSKVA and Amalia MOSKVA nee VORKEHIDA. In November 1936, Marianna became the wife of Michael Matwijewtsch KORZHAN. The marriage took place in Lvov, Ukraine.

2. Approximately ten months after the marriage, Michael M. KORZHAN was arrested and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment by the Polish Police for his activities in the OUN. Several months subsequent to his imprisonment, he learned that Marianna had become promiscuous with an old acquaintance of his. Word of her unfaithfulness dealt Subject a terrific blow and resulted in his writing Marianna, permitting her a free hand in a divorce. She did not take advantage of his offer.

3. In September 1939, Subject was released from prison during the German attack on Poland. From the date of his incarceration until early 1940, Subject did not see his wife. However, through a close friend (who actually knew nothing of the couple's then existing relationship), they were reunited. Rather than provide a public scandal, Michael decided in favor of a superficial reconciliation, i.e., they lived in the same house together.

4. In June 1941, Michael was sent to the front lines. During his absence, his wife, once again took up with another lover and in 1944, she fled with a German officer to Slovakia and later to Vienna. From mid-1944, until her recent appearance (July 1954), Michael had no contact or news from or about Marianna whatsoever.

II

In January 1945, Michael was transferred to Prague, Czechoslovakia, with a component of the German Army, however, the entire unit fled to Austria when a revolt threatened their occupation. This occurred in April 1945. Included in this fleeing group was one Irena Yaroslava BIKUS. Rather than let Irena go it alone in Austria, it was decided by the unit to issue her military documents under the name Irena Yaroslava KORZHAN. Upon arriving in Austria, she

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registered with the authorities with the above name and as Michael's wife. Since that time, she has used this name. Subject obtained an Austrian Kennkarte, and in 1947, she went with Michael to Germany, where a German Kennkarte was issued her under the same false name. Here it is noted that the Austrian government issued her the Kennkarte on the basis of registration with the Police without requiring the presentation of any document. In this instance, no false documents were employed in order to obtain the Kennkarte. The first falsification of documents took place in Munich in 1950, when Michael presented IRO with a false marriage certificate in regard to an alleged marriage in Krakow. Later, a copy of this false marriage certificate was given to the German police in Munich during October 1952, when a Reiseausweis was issued to Irena.

III

1. Irena BIHUS and Michael KORZHAN have already informed the German court that Irena's documents were falsified, and the court has already instructed the German police to make appropriate amendments and issue new documents. After Irena is newly documented, Michael will apply for a divorce from Marianna. After the receipt of her new documents, Irena BIHUS will attempt (through normal procedure) to emigrate to the United States or Canada. Both Irena and Michael are aware that Irena was accorded special consideration in regard to her emigration to the United States under Public Law 110 only by virtue of the fact that she was Michael's wife, and that the provision of special consideration has become invalid in light of recent revelations.

2. Efforts are now in progress by all parties concerned to normalize Michael KORZHAN's status. These efforts are based on the following preferences by the three individuals involved.

a. Marianna Elizabeth KORZHAN desires a divorce from Michael KORZHAN and to emigrate to the United States. She wishes to mark time in West Germany as a German citizen, not as a stateless foreigner, which would be the case were she to remain married.

b. Irena Yaroslava BIHUS wishes to acquire new, valid documentation in her true name and disassociate herself in all ways from Michael KORZHAN. She also desires to emigrate to the United States or Canada.

c. Michael KORZHAN wishes to rid himself of both women.

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